

# DISTRICT 1 UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2020



## SHELTERED. SUPPORTED. SAFE.

A note from District 1 Councilman Roberto Treviño

Neighbors,

This pandemic has added volume to issues that were present in our community before COVID-19 reached our city. Barriers to housing assistance, digital inclusion, services for homelessness, job stability, resources for undocumented residents, and evictions.

We are living in a time that is unequal to anything we've faced before. I know that there have been moments of anxiety, fear, anger, and hope.

This crisis has brought urgency to provide support that is accessible for everyone who needs it. My team and I have been busy working on designing policies that support and benefit everyone. The District 1 team is safely working at a distance during this time. Although we are not available for physical meetings with constituents, we remain accessible through phone, email, and virtual meetings.

We know that with every new day, comes an opportunity for a new shift in how we approach this virus.

Your safety is always top of mind. If you or someone you know need assistance, please contact us at [district1@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district1@sanantonio.gov) or 210-207-7279.

Let's continue to work together and support each other as we all work to get through this safely!

Your Councilman,

Roberto C. Treviño  
District 1 City Councilman

## C.A.U.S.E. HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

Collaborative Action Unifying Safe Environments

Since the beginning of July, we have worked with City and community partners to develop a wrap around trauma-considerate approach to the homeless crisis in the Dellview area.

We've had an outreach team facilitate daily check-ins with individuals in the area. The goal for this program is to build thoughtful relationships with individuals so the can trust and accept the help that gets them off the street.

In this, we've separated the homeless crisis from the criminal activity in order to better understand and design a plan that addresses both. We understand that there is an overlap; however, through daily engagements, we understand that the criminal activity sometimes is the product to deeper issues like mental health or abuse.

### HOMELESS CRISIS

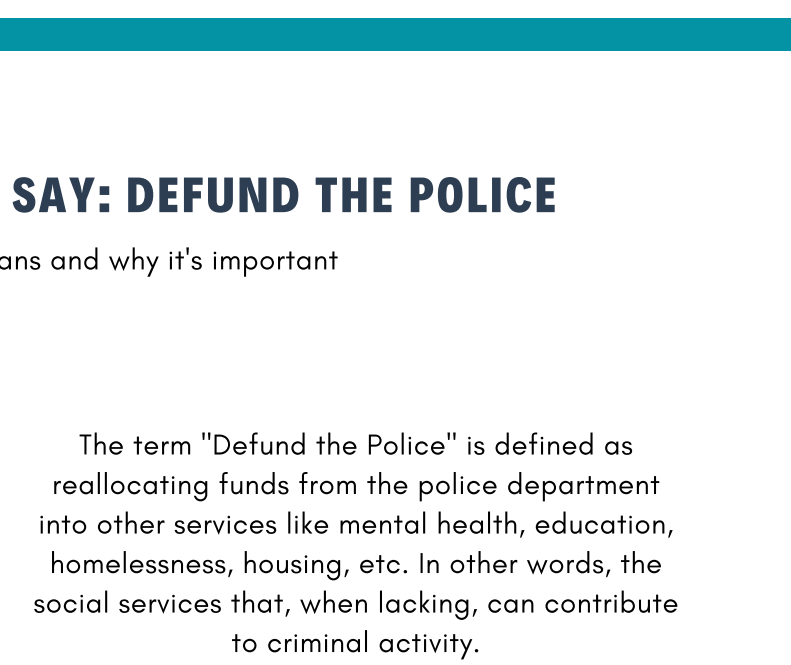
- ID Recovery
- Mental Health Assistance
- Detox Facilities
- Short and Long Term Housing
- PPE
- Medical Resources
- Family Reconnection
- Public Waste Management
- Bulk Item Disposal

### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

- Drug Dealing and Use
- Prostitution and Sex Trafficking
- Public Exposure
- Violence
- Theft

The program is designed to extend a line of support to those who are ready to take it.

The homeless outreach program has received City-level attention and was included into the FY 2021 budget proposal that would invest in have an outreach team placed in each district with an additional team dedicated to downtown.



## WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY: DEFUND THE POLICE

Understanding what it means and why it's important

**DEFUND THE POLICE  
DOES NOT MEAN GET RID  
OF POLICE.**

The term "Defund the Police" is defined as reallocating funds from the police department into other services like mental health, education, homelessness, housing, etc. In other words, the social services that, when lacking, can contribute to criminal activity.

Conditions like homelessness and substance abuse are matters that can be managed by a civilian employees like a social service specialist. Funding areas, like Human Services, ensures people who are trained and licensed in social work are the ones who will engage displaced or unstable individuals. By removing this burden from the Police, our officers will have more capacity to respond to criminal activity and emergency situations.

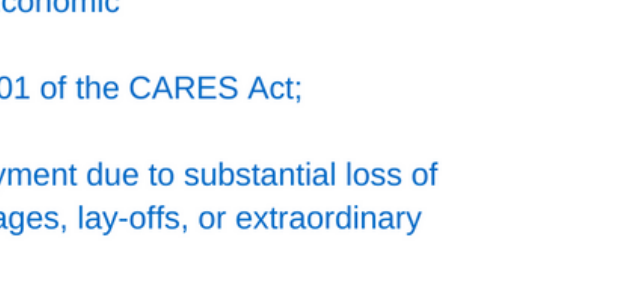
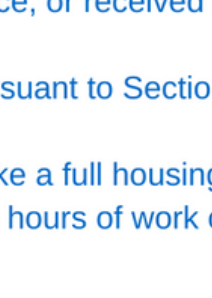
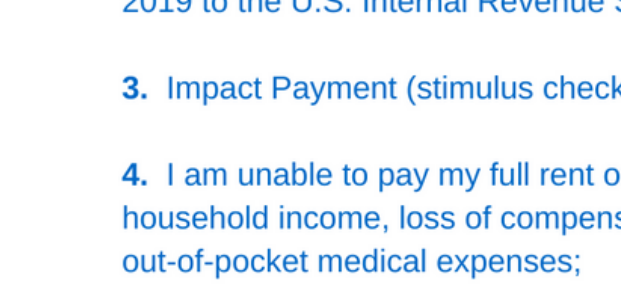
**SOCIAL WORKERS CAN  
ASSIST WITH CIVIL  
MATTERS.**

**911 IS THE ONLY CITY  
HOTLINE AVAILABLE  
AFTER HOURS AND ON  
WEEKENDS.**

Currently, 911 is relied on by the community to provide a direct connection line of support to services after hours and on the weekend. "Defunding the Police" and **allocating revenue into programs like 311** and the Homeless Hotline can offer an opportunity for public assistance on matters that do not need an officer outside of standard business hours. These situations include: animal disturbances, firework complaints, well-fare checks and homeless concerns.

## WHAT DOES THE NEW EVICTION MORATORIUM MEAN FOR ME?

- The Centers for Disease Control, with guidance from the Department of Health and Human Services, **enacted the eviction moratorium from September 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020.**
- The eviction protections **apply to tenants/renters who rent from a landlord, owner of a residential property, or another person with a right to pursue eviction**
- Covered renters\* shall not be evicted from **ANY residential property in any jurisdiction.**
- Nothing in **this Order precludes evictions based on a tenant, lessee, or resident: (1) engaging in criminal activity while on the premises; (2) threatening the health or safety of other residents; (3) damaging or posing an immediate and significant risk of damage to property; (4) violating any applicable building code, health ordinance, or similar regulation relating to health and safety; or (5) violating any other contractual obligation, other than the timely payment of rent or similar housing-related payment (including non-payment or late payment of fees, penalties, or interest).**
- **This Order does not mean renters no longer owe rent. Property owners/landlords can still charge and collect fees, penalties, or interest as a result of the failure to pay rent or other housing payment on a timely basis, under the terms of your lease.**
- This Order shall be enforced by Federal authorities and cooperating State and local authorities. **A person or organization violating this Order may be subject to a fines of no more than \$100,000 - \$500,000 and jail time depending on the nature of the offense.**



## EACH ADULT LISTED ON THE LEASE MUST PROVIDE THEIR LANDLORD WITH A SIGNED DECLARATION AFFIRMING THE FOLLOWING:

I certify under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, that the foregoing are true and correct:

1. I have used best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;
2. I either expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for Calendar Year 2020 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return), was not required to report any income in 2019 to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or received an Economic
3. Impact Payment (stimulus check) pursuant to Section 2201 of the CARES Act;
4. I am unable to pay my full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, lay-offs, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses;
5. I am using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual's circumstances may permit, taking into account other non-discretionary expenses;
6. If evicted I would likely become homeless, need to move into a homeless shelter, or need to move into a new residence shared by other people who live in close quarters because I have no other available housing options.
7. I understand that I must still pay rent or make a housing payment, and comply with other obligations that I may have under my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract. I further understand that fees, penalties, or interest for not paying rent or making a housing payment on time as required by my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract may still be charged or collected.
8. I further understand that at the end of this temporary halt on evictions on December 31, 2020, my housing provider may require payment in full for all payments not made prior to and during the temporary halt and failure to pay may make me subject to eviction pursuant to State and local laws.

**I understand that any false or misleading statements or omissions may result in criminal and civil actions for fines, penalties, damages, or imprisonment.**

Signature of Declarant

Date

Authority The authority for this Order is Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 264) and 42 CFR 70.2. Dated: September 1, 2020. Nina B. Witkofsky, Acting Chief of Staff, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## IN THE NEWS

**KSAT 12:** [Pilot program aims to address homeless issues in San Antonio community.](#)

**San Antonio Express News:** [San Antonio's coronavirus housing assistance driving up as City Council member calls for more funds.](#)

**KSAT 12:** [11 homeless outreach teams for San Antonio proposed for FY 2021](#)

**KENS 5:** [Proposed budget would expand homelessness outreach](#)

**San Antonio Report:** [Homeless outreach teams could deploy citywide after successful pilot in Dellview](#)

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